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In re Application of

Mendez & Finer

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Serial No.: 09/762,476

Examiner: TBA

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HYBRID YEAST-BACTERIA CLONING

SYSTEM AND USES THEROF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a five-month extension of time to extend the time for response to the Notice of Missing Requirements of 27 March 2001 to 27 September 2001. A check in the amount of \$945 for the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is attached. This Petition is being filed in duplicate.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may become due in connection with the instant application to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted

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